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Hip-hop violinist draws crowd in Bosco Plaza



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Combining hip-hop swag with a classical instrument, musician/performer **Svet** entertains an audience in front of Bosco Student Plaza on Tuesday afternoon. A Bulgarian native and former "America's Got Talent" contestant, Svet has performed with the likes of T-Pain and has also appeared on major TV networks such as ABC, BET and MTV.

Michael Stanton
staff writer

The crowd in Bosco Student Plaza witnessed a unique blend of music on Tuesday afternoon as recording artist Svet performed popular hip-hop songs and several of his own singles as part of K-State's Week of Welcome festivities.

Svet rose to fame playing the electric violin and found mainstream recognition on this season of NBC's "America's Got Talent."

Svet took the stage in the plaza in front of a small group of students and launched into an inspired and energetic performance that soon drew a significant crowd.

"I was just sitting around [in the plaza], but I liked what I was hearing, so I came to watch," said Kaitlyn Wolf, junior in public relations.

Even a technical problem that

caused his speakers to shut off midway through his new single "String Theory" did little to dampen the lively atmosphere. Within a few minutes, Svet was back onstage, effortlessly weaving long violin jams and smooth vocals and steadily drawing more spectators from inside the K-State Student Union and around the plaza.

"I was walking by on the way to class and stopped to watch," said Andrew Cook, freshman in open option. "It seemed pretty cool, so I decided to stick around."

Svet began playing the violin as a 3-year-old in Bulgaria, where he was trained in classical music.

"I had no idea what hip-hop was when I moved to the United States in 1998," Svet said. He fell in love with the genre while continuing to study classical violin in his high

school orchestra.

"I started making beats and producing my own tracks," Svet said. "My high school years were a real transition period for me."

Svet began to realize his lifelong dream of a career in music when he went on tour during college. He rose to national prominence after one of his videos drew the attention of NBC producers, who invited him to try out for "America's Got Talent" in St. Louis.

Svet advanced through several rounds of competition, particularly impressing celebrity judge Howard Stern.

"In [Stern's] eyes, I was the best violin player he'd ever seen," Svet said. "I thought it was cool that I impressed him that much."

Although Svet did not get the chance to compete for first place in

the reality show, which consistently generates viewership in the tens of millions and has been nominated for an Emmy award, he is grateful for the national exposure it gave him.

"It was a great experience," Svet said. "I was showcased on a national level. I met and became friends with lots of very talented people, and it was a huge boost for my career."

Svet, who draws inspiration from artists like Usher and David Guetta, is optimistic about his future in the music industry. Although he didn't make the finals of "America's Got Talent," he doesn't anticipate a return to the show.

"Right now, I'm just excited to see where music will take me," he said. "I'm living the dream I've had as long as I can remember. I want to change the music industry, note by note."

Social services budget cut by 5 percent

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Agency directors feeling 'wonderful,' 'incredibly relieved' by relatively small reduction

The Manhattan City Commission passed ordinance number 6960 adopting the 2013 financial budget Tuesday night with a vote of 3-2.

This ordinance mandated an \$18,000 reduction in the Arts in the Park program. In addition, social services and other outside agencies requesting funds from the City had their recommended allocations reduced by 5 percent.

"I am feeling wonderful right now," said Penny Senften, executive director of the Manhattan Arts Center. "With the passed budget, our funding will only be seeing a 5 percent reduction of funding from the city. We can work with that. We have been working with a consultant and looking for new sources of funding."

The MAC isn't the only agency that is facing reduction in its funding from the city of Manhattan. The Boys and Girls Club, the Manhattan Women's Shelter, K-State Childcare and Development, the UFM Community Learning Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other neighborhood grant programs all face the same 5 percent reduction.

"I am incredibly relieved right now," said Anne Smith, director of the Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency. "With the budget that was approved, we won't have to reduce services to demand response services."

With residence hall move in weekend having just happened this past weekend, Joye Back-Smith, operations manager of ATA, said ATA buses transported 819 trips within the first day of school, and that 215 of those were on their fixed route system.

The social service agencies that are now facing 5 percent reductions in their funding from the city are not looking at other options. Senften said the MAC had more than 6,000 hours logged from volunteers.

"We already have a small staff," Senften said. "All of us who work here are all part-time because we can't afford any full-time staff. We rely heavily on volunteers. Volunteers help out with being a part of our productions, ripping tickets and almost all aspects of our center. We also have people who volunteer their time in the office with administrative tasks we need done."

Some of the commissioners, however, had reasons to decline the ordinance.

"I voted no on the first vote, and I voted no again," said John Matta, Manhattan city commissioner. "With the passing of this ordinance, there will be an increase of property taxes of 7.7 percent and an increase of the Mill Levy by 3 percent. We cannot put this large financial burden on the citizens of Manhattan."

City commissioner Wynn Butler sent out a memo suggesting a reduction of funding by almost 14 percent. That was shot down and adapted into the ordinance that passed Tuesday night.

"If we would have had to face a 14 percent reduction in funding, well, that would have hit us hard," Senften said. "Maybe some years down the road, we might have been able to handle that, but not now. We are able to work with the 5 percent reduction. We have planned for it, and we will be able to continue our productions and programming with the demand of people we have."

Wildcat Carnival helps stressed students unwind

Darrington Clark
managing editor

Bosco Plaza became a dance floor Tuesday night during the Union Program Council Wildcat Carnival. The plaza was host to carnival food, a Ferris wheel and booths with multiple attractions and activities. The event also featured hip-hop violinist Svet.

The Week of Welcome event was designed as a carnival to help students coming out of their first few days of classes relax. Phillicia Thomas, UPC Multicultural co-chair and senior in mass communications, found the event was doing just that.

"This is a great place to have fun and release it all," Thomas said. "A fun carnival is great at relaxing people and releasing the stress of the first day."

Students entering the event had the option of bouncing on inflatable obstacle courses, eating frozen lemonade and funnel cakes and getting customized airbrush tattoos, among other activities. The event attracted several hundred students.

The idea for the Wildcat Carnival came from sessions of brainstorming by members of the UPC.

"We basically ask ourselves, 'What do we want to see?'" said Michelle Foster, UPC Multicultural co-chair and senior in political science and Ameri-



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Tony Hecht, freshman in kinesiology, reacts as he is hit while releasing some stress at the Wildcat Carnival on Tuesday afternoon. Organizers hoped the carnival would provide an opportunity for students to have some fun in their first week of classes.

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MONEY MATTERS

Freshman finances: controlling your expenses



Andy Rao

When people think about college, one of their main concerns is usually expenses. Between tuition, books, living expenses, club and organizational dues and just other daily miscellaneous expenses, getting a degree can be a costly ordeal.

Freshmen may especially struggle with this; living on your own brings its own set of budgetary challenges. Students will often have to make tough decisions when it comes to their money. Here are a few ways to make sure you come out of your freshman year in the black.

Take care of necessary expenses first

The first thing you'll learn is that there are certain unavoid-

able expenses you absolutely must take care of—things like tuition, books and rent are expenditures that cannot be delayed, so you absolutely must make sure these are covered.

Remember, even if you have taken out loans to pay for these items, you have to pay them back eventually. Keeping that in the back of your mind will help you control your spending on non-essentials.

Plan out monthly expenses

To keep your personal finances in order, you absolutely have to plan out your expenses. Sit down and calculate how much money you need per month for every single one of your expenses. This will help you understand how much you can afford to spend on anything and will also help you understand how much income you need.

If you are applying for a job, planning out your expenses will help ensure you know how much money you need to bring in to at least cover your required costs of living, which will in turn help you

figure out how many hours you need to work.

Have a schedule that will save you money

A lot of my own expenditure as a freshman came from late night pizza runs or missing meals at dining halls for various reasons. I didn't see it at the time, but missing meals at the dining halls cost me quite a bit of money.

Make sure you build your schedules around what is most cost-effective for you.

Carpool

Some people choose not to bring their cars up freshman year, while others are eager for the independence of their own car. An effective and fair way for everyone to cut costs and still have a mode of transport is to carpool and split gas money.

One tank of gas for most cars will range anywhere from \$40-\$60; split that a couple of ways, however, and it is more than manageable.

Set aside money for savings

As the centuries-old adage goes, "A penny saved is a penny earned." Having some sort of savings is an essential for any college student.

Many of the debt and monetary issues that people go through come from lavish spending when they cannot afford that type of lifestyle. If you have a pre-determined amount of savings that you lock away every month, you not only develop a habit for planning for the future, but you also have a buffer for when you're a few bucks short.

Treat yourself sparingly

It is important to make those purchases that make you happy sparingly. Whether it's a night out in Aggieville, a new video game or a few new additions to your wardrobe, helping yourself to an occasional treat is completely fine.

The trick, though, is making sure you don't make it a habit. There are inexpensive ways of having fun as well, such as week-

end offerings at the K-State Student Union or a game of Ultimate Frisbee on your front lawn.

Remember, you don't always have to spend money to have fun.

Avoid collecting junk

The United States is a society of hoarders. The fact is, we like collecting a bunch of stuff just for the sake of owning material. This is an extremely bad habit to get into for several reasons.

Not only is it expensive to collect trinkets regularly, but it makes moving a pain, too. I saw so many students at the end of freshman year with twice the furniture they started with.

Decorating your room and buying certain convenience items is one thing, but hoarding things just to have them is another.

Just because it's free doesn't mean you have to drag it to your room. Some things are better left simple and uncluttered.

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Business beat- 8/22

Andy Rao
editor-in-chief

President Obama expected to break even on jobs front

During the first months of President Barack Obama's presidency, 4.316 million jobs were lost in the United States. Since then, however, Obama's administration has headed a net nationwide gain of 4 million jobs.

With the presidential election looming, the economy and job creation remain hot button issues. Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, has repeatedly attacked Obama on his failure to deliver on his promise to create jobs.

Although the national unemployment rate still sits at 8.3 percent as of July, the increase in job creation can only be an encouraging sign for the nation.

With about three months left until election day, Obama's administration needs to create roughly 316,000 jobs to break even in terms of net jobs.

According to a CNN Money article published on August 3, this is "doable." At the rate of 105,300 new jobs per month, Obama will recover all of the jobs lost since he took office. In the month of July, which

is considered a traditionally slow hiring month, U.S. employers hired 163,000 new jobs.

The same article also stated that George W. Bush is the only recent president with a negative job growth under his watch who was reelected to a second term, making the economy an even more pivotal issue in Obama's bid for reelection.

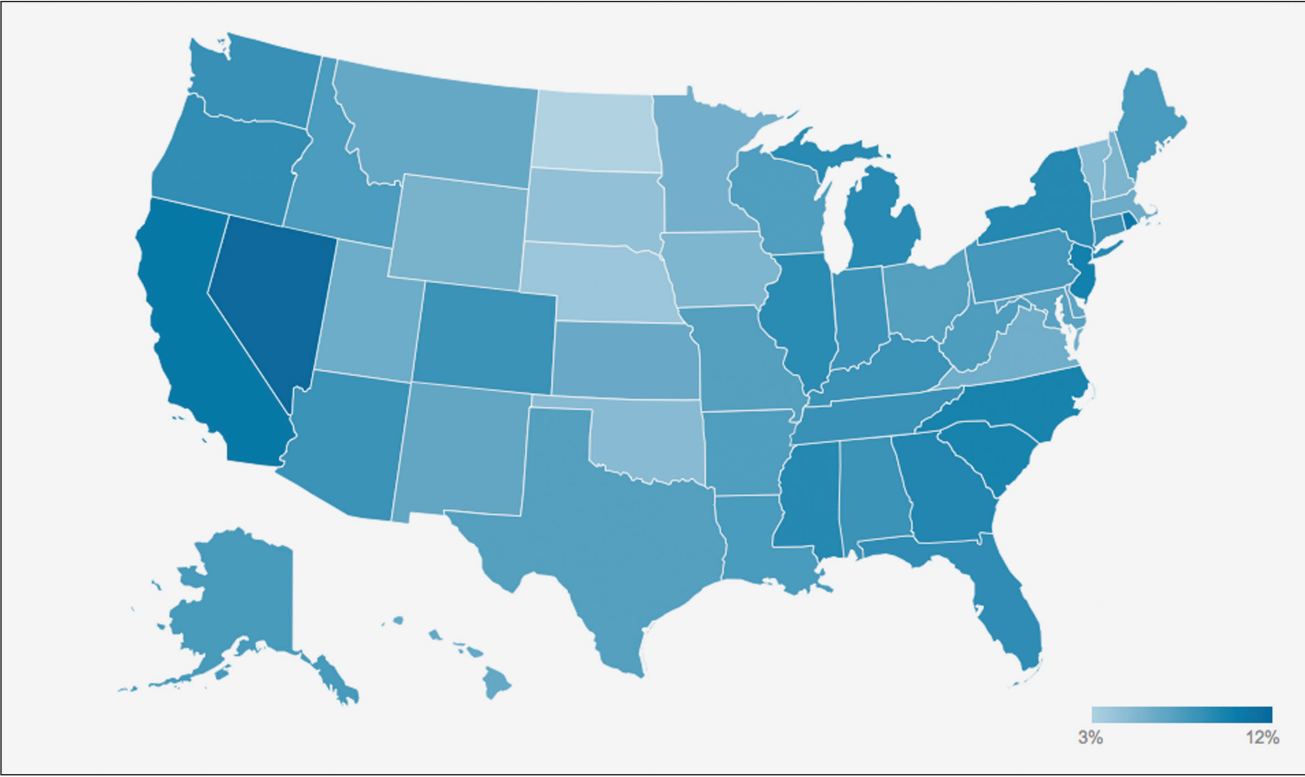
Hubert Joly named CEO, president of Best Buy

In an effort to turn around sinking profit levels in an increasingly competitive market, electronics retailer Best Buy named Hubert Joly as CEO and president.

This announcement came after Brian Dunn, former Best Buy CEO, stepped down from the position in April amidst allegations of an inappropriate relations with a 29-year-old female employee.

Joly, who is the former CEO of global hospitality company Carlson, is considered by many in the industry as a "turnaround expert," especially in areas such as media, technology and service businesses.

Despite this reputation, however, Wall Street investors sent the publicly traded shares down more than 10 percent,



The national unemployment rate hit 8.3% as of July. The state of Kansas is on the lower end of the national jobless range at 6.8%. Nevada leads the nation with a 12% unemployment rate.

according to an ABC News article published on Monday.

This downward trend has shareholders steadily losing confidence in the company; since May of 2006, the company's stock price has fallen from its pre-recession high of \$56.66 to \$17.91, as of Tuesday's closing bell on the New York Stock Exchange.

Barnes & Noble gets boost from "Fifty Shades of Grey"

While many bookstores have experienced difficulties competing in an ever evolving

print market, industry leader Barnes & Noble has received a noticeable spark in sales from the new hit series "Fifty Shades of Grey."

The series, written by E.L. James, has become a bestseller, securing the top three spots on the New York Times' list of bestselling print and e-book fiction.

Although Barnes & Noble has not made a profit in a non-holiday quarter in three years, its revenue rose 2 percent, from \$1.42 billion to \$1.45 billion in the second quarter of this year.

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Quarterback **Collin Klein**, seen here preparing a pass against Kent State on Sept. 17, 2011, threw for his then personal best 133 yards against the Miami Hurricanes at Sun Life Stadium on Sept. 24, 2011 in a 28-24 victory. Klein enters his senior season on the Heisman Watch List after racking up 40 total touchdowns and over 3,000 yards of total offense in 2011.

Collin Klein prepares for new season with new ring

Sean Frye
staff writer

If you sit down and pick apart Collin Klein's life, it's hard to find something that he does not do, as head football coach Bill Snyder would say, exceptionally well.

The Associated Press named Klein the First Team All-Big 12 last year after one of the greatest seasons by a single player in K-State history, in which he threw for over 1,900 yards with 13 touchdowns and ran for over 1,100 yards with 27 touchdowns. So he plays football well.

He has been named a Second Team All-Big 12 academic selection the past two seasons, and he has already graduated with a degree in finance. So he does school well.

He is known as one of the most religious players on the team, and a running joke amongst K-State fans — which is also true — is that despite his high level of enthusiasm on the field, he never curses. So he's a pretty stand-up guy, too.

His younger brother Kyle, a freshman, followed Klein to K-State to be a wide receiver. And this past summer in Dallas, just two days

before the Big 12 media days, Klein was married to Shalin Spani, a former K-State women's basketball standout and the daughter of Gary Spani, a former K-State and Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Famer.

He is even a talented musician, playing the piano, violin and mandolin.

So as Klein prepares for what will be his last season in Manhattan, Snyder has faith that his quarterback will be able to handle the challenges this season will bring.

"Collin is a wonderful young person," Snyder said. "He has made tremendous improvement during his time in the program. And it's happened because of the quality of person that Collin is. Collin is one of those guys — he's one of those young guys truly committed."

This summer, in an attempt to improve his throwing abilities, Klein attended the Manning Passing Academy along with notable quarterbacks such as USC's Matt Barkley, Arkansas' Tyler Wilson and Alabama's AJ McCarron.

"I've done some things to help get myself better," Klein said. "The final grade is on Saturday, so we'll see how that goes. I mean, I'm taking

advantage of some opportunities to get better, but we'll see if it pays off."

His on-field performances clearly stand out. But when you ask the players on K-State's roster what stands out the most about Klein, they list not his abilities as a football player, but his abilities as a leader and a person.

"Aside from his obvious athletic ability, he's so humble," safety Ty Zimmerman said. "He's so consistent. You're not going to get a different Collin Klein on Monday than you will on Tuesday. He shows up every day willing to work. He puts in extra time in the film room, stays after and throws routes with people. And the fact that he's tough. He finds a way to make plays."

His toughness became clear last season as he not only never took a quarterback slide for his own protection, but after a sloppy win against the Texas Longhorns in Austin, Snyder announced to the media that Klein had not practiced in two weeks due to the punishment he had taken each Saturday on the field.

Zimmerman didn't think that anybody else in the entire conference had the fortitude or the deter-

mination to fight through the way Klein did last year.

"I might be biased in my opinion, and I can't really speak on other opponents, but I know Collin is ready and willing to take that load week in and week out," Zimmerman said.

So this year, the K-State defense is taking a new approach to preparing Klein for the physical toll he'll take this season.

"The biggest thing is to hit him," linebacker Tre Walker said. "I don't mean that in any type of bad way, but that's how you get him prepared. When you blitz off that line, you do everything in your power to intercept every ball. You do everything in your power to strip the ball from him. You do everything in your power to hit him and get in his face, but that's what other teams are going to try to do."

Another player with a high level of respect for Klein is one of his biggest opponents on the field. Quarterback Landry Jones of the Oklahoma Sooners, who will host Klein and the Wildcats in Norman for the Big 12 opener on Sep. 22 and was also married this summer, sees him as one of the biggest physical presences in football.

"Everybody talks about his size and his strength and him being able to run and stuff and him being able to pass," Jones said. "He's an exciting player to watch, definitely a tough kid for sure. He gets a lot of those tough yards, and he's so big in the open field that he's tough to bring down. He's bigger than every DB in the conference basically."

Now, as the season approaches, Klein will continue to be asked to balance the pressures of the team, his faith, his new family and school. And Snyder believes Klein is one of the most ready and willing people to do so.

"There's one segment that he hasn't [done] yet, and that's marriage. He's just getting into that," Snyder said. "That remains to be seen, but to me it's a wonderful match. I think he and Shalin get along extremely well. Collin is a very mature young guy, and I don't want to take him for granted. That wouldn't be fair to him. But I think he has the opportunities and the capabilities to be successful."

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Looking back: last season in K-State sports (part II)

Mark Kern
sports editor

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Petra Niedermayerova is coming off one of the best seasons in school history. She advanced to Round 16 at the NCAA Women's Singles Championships. Niedermayerova was named an ITA All-American and finished the season ranked 26th in the final ITA national singles rankings. She was joined by Karla Bonacic, who finished the season ranked 102nd nationally with a 22-9 record, including seven wins in Big 12 play.

TRACK AND FIELD

The K-State track and field team got off to a quick start, breaking two track records at the opening KSU All-Comers meet. Erik Kynard broke the meet record on the high jump, jumping 7-7.0, while the

women's 4x400 team of Sarah Kolmer, Erica Twiss, Ryann Kraiss and Edina Brooks broke meet record running a time of 3:47.85.

At the Big 12 Championships, Ryann Kraiss was in fourth in the heptathlon entering the last three events. She would go on to win two of the three events to win the title with 5,661 points.

At this past Olympics, six former or current K-State track members participated. Kynard placed highest, earning a silver medal in the high jump.

BASEBALL

The Wildcats got off to an 11-6 start that included a victory over then-No. 8 Texas A&M at Blue Bell park in College Station. They finished their season with a record of 27-31 (7-17),

including three victories over top 25 teams. The Wildcats were led offensively by junior Jared King, who hit .377 with seven home runs and 47 RBI. Senior Joe Flattery led the team pitching with a 6-4 record and a 4.37 ERA. Kayvon Bahramzadeh (11th round), Wade Hinkle (27th round), Dan Klein (28th round), and Jake Brown (30th round).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Wildcats started out the season by winning 13 of their first 16 games and climbing to 23rd in the country before falling to Oklahoma. In the first round of the Big 12 tournament, the Wildcats avenged two regular season losses to Iowa State

Two-minute drill

Sean Frye
staff writer

NFL

Jerry Jones, GM and owner of the Dallas Cowboys, told the media Tuesday that standout wide receiver Miles Austin will be out of action with a hamstring injury until at least Week 1 of the regular season. Austin, who has missed practice since Aug. 4, is expected to be available for the Cowboys' season opener against the Giants on Sept. 5. Austin missed three preseason games last year with the same injury. He also aggravated the injury in the third week of the regular season, and then strained his other hamstring later in the season last year.

NCAA football

Andrew Luck, the NFL's No. 1 overall draft pick, has officially been replaced at his alma mater, Stanford.

The university announced yesterday that redshirt junior Josh Nunes will take the reins of the offense this fall. Nunes has only attempted two passes in his collegiate career, but in 2008, he was an ESPN/Under Armour All-American. Nunes beat out Brett Nottingham and Kevin Hogan for the job. Nottingham was widely considered the favorite to replace Luck in the spring.


NBA

Fans will have to pay a high price to get the reigning MVP, NBA Finals MVP and NBA Finals Champion's sneaker this fall. LeBron James' new shoe, the LeBron X, is expected to retail for approximately \$300. The high price tag will be applied to the Nike Plus-enabled version of the shoe, which will have electronic sensors that measure various attributes, such as the wearer's jump height.

The regular version of the shoe, which is not enabled with Nike Plus, is expected to sell for around \$175. James debuted the shoe in the gold medal game against Spain in the Olympics this summer.

MLB

One of Melky Cabrera's trusted associates, Juan Nunez, has been banned from "all non-public areas" of all 30 Major League Baseball parks. Nunez is reportedly the mastermind behind an alleged scheme in which Cabrera created a fake website in order to explain why he failed an MLB drug test. Cabrera was suspended for 50 games by the MLB after testing positive for synthetic testosterone last Wednesday. He was the MVP at this year's All-Star game in Kansas City, Mo., and his team, the San Francisco Giants, is currently in first place in the National League West.



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'Total Recall' recreates film but offers few surprises



Karen Ingram

I have seen both "Total Recall" films in the theater. Yes, I am that old. And while I am a big fan of the 1990 original, I have always had a few complaints about it, things I'd hoped the reboot would fix. I tried to watch it with an open mind and not compare it to the original, but let it stand on its own. I'm afraid that's just not possible because the reboot went out of its way to compare itself to the original. So, what follows is a comparison and contrast between the two films.

Let's start with the hero, Douglas Quaid. In the original film, this role was played by Arnold Schwarzenegger and, even as a child, I had a hard time believing that anybody who looks like Arnold Schwarzenegger could be a mild-mannered construction worker and not a spy. So the whole double plot line, in which the film can be viewed as either a dream or reality, was corrupted. I had hoped Colin Farrell could fix this mistake because, even though he is movie star handsome and in very good shape, he looks more like an Average Joe than The Terminator could ever hope to.

The reboot, however, dropped the ball on this one, because even though Farrell is very believable in the part, the plot was thinned out a little in the process and there was not nearly enough emphasis on this dreamworld/reality plot, despite the fact that they advertised the hell out of it.

Next, we have Lori, who was played by Sharon Stone in the original and Kate Beckinsale in the reboot. I am glad they decided to make her part bigger in the reboot and just eliminate the character of Richter, partly because I like women who can hold their own in an action film. Sharon Stone had some good fight sequences, but she was sorely underused for her abilities while Kate Beckinsale kicks some serious butt from beginning to end.

Melina, on the other hand, had a much better role in the original than in the reboot. She had more depth to her character, bigger fight



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sequences (while in the reboot she does more running than fighting) and a far more aggressive personality. Jessica Biel does a good job as Melina in the reboot, but she's just not the tiger that her 1990 counterpart played by Rachel Ticotin was.

The leader of the rebels in the 1990 film was a mutant named Kuato. In the 2012 version, they changed his name to Matthias with absolutely no explanation and made him completely human, but cast Bill Nighy in the role. How can you cast Bill Nighy as the remade Kuato and not make him a mutant? He looks the part already, why not use him? They also shortened his part a bit in the remake and made his death rather inglorious because he doesn't get the opportunity to command Quaid to save the world with his dying breath. How disappointing.

The rest of the film is interesting because it tries so hard to stand apart from the original while still making references to it every chance it gets. Some lines of dialogue are identical and some scenes nearly so. ("Two weeks" woman, arm cut off by an elevator, etc.) The biggest difference is the setting. In the original, Cohaagen is the evil ruler of Mars and forces people to dig for a substance called Tribidium for his own profit. In the remake, everything takes place on Earth, but the only inhabitable regions are the former U.K. and Australia, which they shamelessly pit against each other as the evil federation and "the Colony." (But just to confuse the hell out of viewers, about three quarters of the characters in both regions have American accents.) Also, instead of Redcoats, the evil Federation uses



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a robot army to do its bidding that looks suspiciously like the robot army from the Star Wars prequels.

The single biggest problem I have with the 2012 remake is the fact that they tried to be different, but kept all of the plot twists from the first film. If you've ever seen the 1990 movie, you already know all of the surprises. I find it hard to believe that they would go through so much trouble to "reimagine" the film and make it its own but not make any effort to introduce one single plot twist we haven't already seen from the 1990 version. In fact, they eliminated a few. The 1990 version has more surprises and reveals than the remake. The remake just remakes half of them and forgets about the rest.

Don't get me wrong. The 2012 version of "Total Recall" is highly entertaining. I really enjoyed it. But

whatever problems from the first movie they may have fixed, they counteracted by introducing all new ones. Both films are excellent sci-fi/action movies to watch when you don't want anything terribly taxing on the brain, but still want to see something somewhat unusual. Both featured groundbreaking special effects for their time and excellent casts.

But I can't help but wonder what sort of impression today's generation gets from the 2012 version if they have not seen the original. Having seen both in the theater, I had hoped for much more, but perhaps I'm just a little jaded because "Total Recall" has become nothing more than a recurring dream.

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Sequel satisfies with one-liners, explosions, Chuck Norris



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"The Expendables 2"

★★★★★

Movie review by Karen Ingram

When "The Expendables" came out in 2010, it was everything I had hoped for. When you pack a film with an all-star cast of action movie mavericks from the past three decades, you want to see all old-school cliches, one-liners, a predictable plot line and ginormous explosions. It did not disappoint. The only elements missing, in my opinion, were Jean-Claude Van

Damme and Chuck Norris.

So, when I went to see "The Expendables 2" on Saturday, I expected everything you want from an action movie sequel of this caliber: more one-liners and bigger explosions, plus Jean-Claude Van Damme and Chuck Norris. Again, it did not disappoint. If "The Expendables" is candy for action movie fans, "The Expendables 2" is straight up action movie porn.

The plot is simple, as it should be for an old-school action movie: Sly Stallone and his crew of testosterone-fueled, steroid-laced

misfits are ordered to pick up some top secret object from a plane that crashed in the middle of a hostile country. It's supposed to be an easy job, just pick up the thingy and go, but no! They discover a gang of evildoers, led by Jean-Claude Van Damme, who kills one of their crew and steals the secret object. (You can tell which of the team is about to die because, true to action movie cliché, he's the one who is about to retire and settle down with a woman.) The rest of the movie is spent chasing after the evildoer to get revenge,

retrieve the object and avert global nuclear war. Oh yeah.

Plot line aside, the movie is spent killing lots of people (the death toll must be in the hundreds), cracking jokes that double as jibes at each of the stars' previous films and giving Chuck Norris the coolest entrance ever. He even cracks his own Chuck Norris joke, proof that the man either has a sense of humor or can be paid enough to pretend he does.

If you're looking for a movie with an intricate plot, in-depth characters and

deep, philosophical exploration, you're incredibly stupid and you've obviously stumbled into the wrong theater. If you've always wanted to see a movie with Sly Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Chuck Norris and Jean-Claude Van Damme busting into a room with guns blazing, then hold onto your hat 'cause you're in for the action film to end all action films. Five stars.

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Fans will notice major changes on west side of ‘The Bill’

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As fans and students begin to celebrate another K-State football season this fall, they will notice major renovations occurring at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Currently, the west side of the stadium (the side facing Mercy Regional Health Center) is undergoing a massive upgrade that will cost \$75 million and is projected to be completed on Aug. 31, 2013.

Currently, the project has yet to be fully funded. But K-State athletic director John Currie said the campaign is more than two-thirds of the way from reaching its funding goal of \$75 million.

“We’ve made great progress,” Currie said. “We’re well over \$50 million committed for the project.”

Some of the changes that fans will notice immediately include two yellow cranes stationed on the west side of the stadium. Each crane has a purple K-State flag flying overhead that can be seen miles away from the stadium.

Another major change for this season is the demolition of the building that housed the Cats Closet store, men’s and women’s restrooms and the first aid station.

“We’ve demolished the Cats Closet building, so on the west side, we’ll have a temporary structure for souvenirs and apparel,” Currie said.

For fans looking for restrooms on the west side park-

ing lot, Bramlage Coliseum’s concourse will be opened five hours prior to kickoff — the same time the parking lots open — to provide people with restroom amenities.

“The restroom facilities are

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Curry Sexton
K-State wide receiver

available in Bramlage to take care of our fans, who to this point have been able to use the restrooms that were adjacent to Cats Closet before the game,” Currie said.

The project is currently on schedule with its various construction deadlines, according to Currie.

“It’s coming along very well,” Currie said. “We got a great construction management team with Mortenson and GE Johnson.”

The West Stadium renovations are just the second of a six-step renovation and facility upgrade plan laid out by Currie and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The first step is the construction of the basketball training facility, which Currie said is expected to be completed in October.

Currie expressed satisfaction with the amount of pri-



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Construction workers lay down a cement foundation for the new west side press box at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The north and south ends are scheduled for completion by December, and the middle section is expected to be complete by the next football season.

vate donations the program has received thus far but also urged fans to continue donating.

“We certainly are very proud of the fact that we got \$100 million worth of facility construction that our fans and contributors have funded, or are in the process of funding,” Currie said. “We’ve got some more money to raise.”

In addition to the athletics department’s satisfaction with the progress of the facility upgrades, fans and student-athletes also expressed pleasure with the renovations.

“It’s going to be interesting to see it come up,” said Chris Williams, Manhattan resident and football season-ticket holder. “Certainly over the years we’ve watched it grow and improve our facilities. I think it’s important to the program, and it’s exciting, I’m excited to see it all done.”

K-State wide receiver Curry Sexton was quoted on K-State’s webpage for the stadium expansion as being very excited about the campaign.

“With the new basketball training facility and the West Stadium expansion, when all that is done, it is going to be a completely different look,” Sexton said. “I think our new facilities will be some of the best in the conference, and it is just going to raise the

level of atmosphere. Game days are going to be a whole different feeling, and I think the fans, the coaches and the players all have something to be very excited about.”

The only facilities that will remain open throughout the entire 2012 season on the west side of Bill Snyder Family Stadium will be the press box and current standing restrooms just below the press box.

As Rec Complex delays continue, students’ anticipation builds

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The Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex at K-State has accommodated thou-

sands of students and patrons for 27 years. On Nov. 13, 2007, K-state students voted “yes” for the expansion of the Rec Complex.

The facility itself was un-

dersized, which created an issue for future programs and activities the recreation program requires. During the construction of the facility, there have been many delays.

Steve Martini, director of recreation services, said the delays were due to programs and activities planned throughout the year.

“I want it to be open as soon as we can,” Martini said. “The recreation should be fully complete by January, but for now the new attractions in the facility will be opening periodically.”

The construction and renovation of the complex will be completed in phases. While the new weight room is being built, the current room will function regularly until completion. The contractors will operate in this manner as much as possible to limit the amount of disturbance to the facility.

The Rec Complex renovations cost a total of \$23 million, of which \$19 million is allocated to construction and materials costs. The other \$4 million goes toward administrative fees for the architects, surveying, inspections, engineering, landscaping, furnishings, equipment, bonding and financing costs. The bond is paid for by the student activity fee, which began in fall 2008.

In June 2010, McPherson

Contractors Inc. was selected to be the general contractor for the expansion project. Due to the setbacks caused by alternative events that are held at the facility, the contractors take full responsibility for any cost of the construction.

The completed Rec Complex will feature relaxation lounges with flatscreen televisions and comfortable seating for students to relax in after working out.

Other new attractions will include a 40-foot indoor climbing wall near the south entrance along and a multi-activity court gym that will accommodate indoor soccer, roller hockey, dances and philanthropies.

Renovations are also being done on the courts that will be used for such sports as basketball, volleyball and tennis. The indoor running track will also be expanded from one-eighth of a mile to one-fifth of a mile.

“I am looking forward to the opening of the rock climbing wall being built,” said Andrew Owings, freshman in kinesiology. “As far as the construction delays, I had no idea. Whatever is happening I’m sure they will make it

happen.”

Students will notice new locker rooms along with gym and exercise flooring and surfaces. The new cardio and weight area will be expanded by up to 10,000 square feet of additional space for new cardio and weight machines.

The renovation project has created hype within the K-State student body.

“I am willing to wait for the renovations and construction because the more you wait, the better the transition for the patrons,” said Ali Wilcox, assistant building supervisor and senior in athletic training. “What I like about the expansion project is the new group fitness classrooms and the combat rooms so people can release some anger and have fun in the process.”

The Rec Complex was originally designed and funded by students in the 1970s. In 1991, students voted to collect student funds to update and expand the the Rec Complex’s facilities and programs in order to meet the needs of the growing K-State student population and to increase the lifestyle of health and fitness on campus as a foundation for positive growth.



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Workers contemplate the construction of Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex on Tuesday afternoon. Students voted “yes” for the expansion in 2007 and the project is slated for completion in January.

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can ethnic studies. “When we find something we like, we research it.”

Foster said that planning for these kinds of events happens months in advance. Thomas agreed that the Wildcat Carnival was made possible by working together within the council.

“Tonight took a lot of hard work, teamwork and cooperation within the UPC,” Thomas said.

Students at the event enjoyed every aspect offered by the carnival-themed setting.

“I’ve already got a tattoo and I’ve done the photo booth,” said Alissa Steinlage, sophomore in elementary education. “I’m having a lot of fun.”

Steinlage and her friend Michelle Simmons, sophomore in secondary education, rode the 3,500-pound Ferris wheel together. The Ferris wheel was placed on the sidewalk right outside of Ahearn Field House because the weight of the ride would have cracked the foundation of Bosco Plaza.

“It was kind of scary, because I’m afraid of heights,” Simmons said. “The Ferris wheel was very fun, though.”

Making the night enjoyable was only one part of the design of the carnival. The UPC planned the event with the added goal of

“Everybody wants to have that full block party fun, and it’s great to see freshmen mingling with upperclassmen. It creates that K-State family feeling, and I love it.”

Phillicia Thomas
senior in mass communications
and UPC Multicultural co-chair

encouraging communication between students through a mutual experience.

“Everybody wants to have that full block party fun, and it’s great to see freshmen mingling with upperclassmen,” Thomas said. “It creates that K-State family feeling, and I love it.”

The block party carnival was given a soundtrack by musician Svet, who sang, rapped and played his violin to a dancing crowd. The hip-hop violin style was many students’ favorite part of the event.

“Many people never knew a violinist could be so versatile,” Thomas said.

Tyrone Williams, junior in theatre, enjoyed Svet’s performance because it added a different flair to traditional dance music.

“I love that it’s so diverse,” Williams said. “There are so many different styles and genres all wrapped into one. It’s crazy how we all enjoy music in our own way.”

Williams felt that this kind of event would be successful if it ever returned to K-State, which is exactly the sort of information that is important to the UPC. Foster explained that history is an important aspect of planning events for a new year.

“We do look back and see what has worked in the past,” Foster said. “But this kind of event is new. We just try to find something that people will enjoy.”

People who did enjoy the event made sure to report their satisfaction.

“I’ve heard nothing but great feedback,” Thomas said.

Foster appreciates the feedback because it helps to benefit future events.

“When people really like something, they come up and tell us,” Foster said. “That helps us, because we try to calculate everything when we plan.”

The UPC plans to continue its activities for the Week of Welcome with a Lunchtime Lounge today at noon in Bosco Plaza, and the Union Expo & Activities Carnival on Thursday at 6 p.m. all throughout the Union. Thomas is pleased that the first event started the year with student enthusiasm.

“I’m so happy we were able to host an event like this and feature such a wonderful artist,” Thomas said. “I hope everybody who came had a good time and enjoyed.”



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TOP: **Wesley Tesene**, junior at Manhattan High School, sprinkles powdered sugar onto funnel cakes Tuesday afternoon at the Wildcat Carnival. The funnel cakes, as well as rides and entertainment, were free to those who attended the carnival at Bosco Plaza.

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ABOVE: **Justina Vanderlinde**, director of Greek Affair, takes her daughter **Brianna** on her first ferris wheel ride at the Wildcat Carnival on Tuesday.

LEFT: Sorority sisters of Alpha Delta Pi show off matching airbrush tattoos that read “brotherhood,” which they got together at the Wildcat Carnival on Tuesday evening.

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